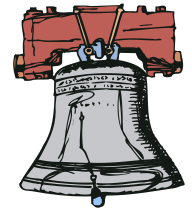




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FROM THE COMMANDER

Our next meeting is on **Mar. 1st, 6:30** p.m. sharp at the N.L. American Legion Clubhouse.

---Doc Borchardt, Cmdr.

EDITOR'S COMMENTARY



Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone! Here's a little history about this joyous Irish festival. Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by

Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general.^[5] Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, cèilies, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks. Christians who belong to liturgical denominations also attend church services and historically the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol were lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption.

MEMBERSHIP

There are still 3 members not yet renewed; please renew soon! There is a **X** on your label ---Bob Dessort, V-Comdr/Membership



We will be dining at the Pantry on Mar. 1st, at 5:00, before the meeting. Hope to see you there!

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

- Mar. 17 – St. Patrick's Day & Parade
- Mar. 24 – S.E.C. meetings, Best Western Airport, Milw. – 1:00

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO:

AMVET members – Jerry Jaeger, Butch Blank, Paul Probst, & Ryan Boehm.
Aux. member – Kaylene Kloehn

If I missed your birthday, please let me know.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next monthly meeting will be on March 1st, at 6:25. at the American Legion Clubhouse; please be prompt.



Aux. 45 will still be hosting the 4th Dist. Aux. project for one more year for the Assisted Veterans Home at King. We will probably be doing a cook-out in May. More details in April.

At our March meeting we will have nominations of Officers and updating our by-laws.

Will be making our annual donations this month.

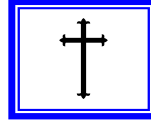
The Dept. Cmdr. & Aux. Pres. Joint testimonial will be on March 24th. It will be held at the Best Western Airport, in Milwaukee. Anyone interested will need to make reservations soon.

Our Dept. president will be joining us for our April meeting. We will be eating at Marly's before the meeting which will be held at the American Legion Clubhouse on April 5.

The Dist. Spring meetings & dinner will be held on April 22 at Hahn-a-Lulu Resort, Fremont. Aux. 45 is this year's host.

Keep on saving those milk caps, coupons, pop can pull tabs, greeting card 'face page', empty ink jet cartridges, and hearing aids; eye glasses and parts; also, used cell phones and, we no longer collect DVDs for our troops.

---Helen Dessort, President



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

IN GOD WE TRUST
WE ALL GET OLD IN THE END....

I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now. Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers. You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone? That's common sense leaving your body. I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row. I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

Old age is coming at a really bad time. When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation. The biggest lie I tell myself is..."I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it." I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees. Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway? Of course I talk to myself; sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

Actually I'm not complaining because I am a Senager. (Senior teenager) I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant. And I

POINTS TO PONDER

- Always be careful of your thoughts; they become actual words at any moment.
- Time is relative. Two weeks on vacation is certainly not the same as two weeks on a diet.
- Stubborn people who stand still avoid stubbing their toes, yet they won't make much progress.
- Opportunity wearily continues to knock, but temptation merely parks outside the door and whistles.

POST MEMBER OBITUARY



Gary Raddatz

Gary E. Raddatz, 74 of New London, died peacefully with family by his side following a short illness on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Appleton.

Gary was employed by Hillshire Farms his entire working career while also owning and operating the family "hobby" farm. Following his retirement, Gary continued to raise chickens and peacocks, always had a dog by his side, and continued to insist that pygmy goats were the cutest babies born on the farm. Gary enjoyed playing cards frequently, gambling occasionally, dancing and listening to polka music, shooting pool, bowling, swimming and socializing with his neighbors at the New London Pool, farming, and hunting.

Gary is survived by his wife, Geraldine "Gerry" Raddatz; children, Jody (Nikki) Raddatz, Jim Raddatz, and Julie (fiancé Christopher Gustavus) Raddatz; brothers, Rev. Ronald (Barb) Raddatz and Steve (Sharon) Raddatz; sisters, Joyce (Lee) Bressler, Cheryl (Jim) Molenda, Cindy (Bob) Buschkopf, and Patty (Jim) Rooyackers. He is further survived by his brothers-in-law, Hugh Samson, Kenny (Pam) Samson, and Francis Samson; sisters-in-law, Ruth Hoffman, Betty (Don) Moravec, Pearl Steffen, Judy Samson, Dianne Stronach, Blanch (Tom) Pryor and Christy Samson; special cousin, Beth Schломann; as well as

numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Gary will be sadly missed by his pals, Peanut, Reba and Abbey.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents; son, Dominic; brother, LeRoy Raddatz; and father and mother in-law, Frank and Magdaline Samson.

The memorial service for Gary will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018, at Emanuel Lutheran Church, New London with Rev. Marcus Schulz officiating. Family and friends are welcomed to visit at Cline & Hanson Funeral Home, New London on Sunday, February 11, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and again directly at the church Monday morning from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in Ruckdashel Cemetery, Sugar Bush.



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Subject: Sickening Info.... This makes me Ill.

If the congress critters can't stand for pledge of allegiance, why should they be employed by the people to do the peoples work?

This is sad, sad, sad, bad enough to see it with sports, but now it is in schools and Congress... **SICK! If they won't stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance, in my opinion...they have no place in our Congress.**



Any member of the house or senate that refuse to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance in the Chambers should be escorted out by the Sergeant at Arms until they comply.

If your allegiance is not with this country and our flag, just who is it with? Why don't we ask someone like Minnesota's Muslim congressman Keith Ellison! Let`s cut off their pay -- and all benefits. Give the ingrates two days to decide to retire or be impeached.

INTERESTING!



I have never seen or heard of this memorial. This Tear Drop 9/11 Memorial is located in Bayonne, New Jersey, right across from New York City. On the other side of Hudson Bay from The Statue of Liberty. This 100 foot-tall monument was given to the U.S.A. Back in 2006 by the Russian people in memory of all those that lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The break in the cracked facade forms the shape of the two towers. The giant suspended tear drop symbolizes all the tears the world had shed in response to this terrifying day. At the base are recorded the names of all the people who perished. Yet we do not hear about it. It is a shame that such a beautiful memorial is given barely any attention.

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The History of AMVETS – Truly AMVETS was born in the midst of war. For it was in August 1943, with victory still two years away, that a new organization, later to be known as American Veterans of World War II, had its beginning. Overseas the tide of battle was turning. The Allies had swept through North Africa and Sicily. In the Pacific, fighting raged in New Guinea. Thousands of Americans had made the supreme sacrifice. Thousands more were being mustered out of uniform with battle wounds and medical discharges. These men who fought in history's greatest war found it natural to seek each other's company. They were united by similar experiences – in jungles, in the Arctic, in deserts, in mountains, at sea, and in the skies. Thus, out of such comradeship, AMVETS came to be.

Two independent veterans clubs in Washington, D.C. – one formed on the campus of George Washington University, the other among veterans employed by the federal government – joined together to sponsor a serviceman's party. By September 1944 other such veterans clubs organized throughout America. On Nov. 11, 1944, Veterans Day, an article titled "12,000,000 in Search of a Leader" appeared in *COLLIER'S* magazine. This story, written by Walter Davenport, introduced the clubs and outlined their mutual aims: 1) to promote world peace, 2) to preserve the American way of life and 3) to help the veteran help himself.

In December, 18 leaders, representing these groups, met in Kansas City, Missouri. There, on Dec. 9, 1944, a national organization was formed known as the American Veterans of World War II – or AMVETS, as newspaper headline writers took to calling it. The White Clover, meaning "remember me", was chosen as the official flower of AMVETS. Found not only in America but throughout the world, it symbolizes the states from which U.S. Armed Forces were drawn and the worldwide battlefields on which they fought.

In October 1945, two months after the end of World War II, the first national convention was convened in Chicago. The next year AMVETS petitioned Congress for a federal charter. In the words of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the organization being "organized along sound lines and for worthy purposes . . . having demonstrated its strength and stability, is entitled to the standing and dignity which a national charter will afford." On July 23, 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the AMVETS charter.

. **Lost Words from our childhood:** Words gone as fast as the buggy whip! Sad really!

Murgatroyd!.. Do you remember that word? Would you believe the email spell checker did not recognize the word Murgatroyd? Heavens to Mergatroyd!

The other day a not so elderly (65) (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy and he looked at her quizzically and said "What the heck is a Jalopy?"

OMG (new phrase)! He never heard of the word jalopy!! She knew she was old..... but not that old. Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle.

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included "Don't touch that dial," "Carbon copy," "You sound like a broken record" and "Hung out to dry."

Back in the olden days we had a lot of 'moxie.' We'd put on our best 'bib and tucker' to 'straighten up and fly right'.

Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy moley!

We were 'in like Flynn' and 'living the life of Riley', and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill.

Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell?

Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers...AND DON'T FORGET.... Saddle Stitched Pants.

Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, Well, I'll be 'a monkey's uncle!' Or, This is a 'fine kettle of fish!' We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards. Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind..... We blink, and they're gone.

Where have all those great phrases gone? (My Favorite)" Let's all go to the beach Saturday"... Long gone: Pshaw, the milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels.

Wake up and smell the roses. It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff! ("Carter's Little Liver Pills" are gone too!)

We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeable times. For a child each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory.

It's one of the greatest advantages of aging.

Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth...See ya later, alligator! Okidoki

**WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE
FABULOUS 50'S...NO ONE WILL EVER
HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY AGAIN...WE
WERE GIVEN ONE OF OUR MOST
PRECIOUS GIFTS:
.....OUR MEMORIES.....**

SPECIAL MEMBERS PAGE

An extra page just for member's personal ads, announcements, and miscellaneous

INTERESTING ITEMS part 2

A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

A snail can sleep for three years. (I know some people that could do this too.)

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. (I know some people like that also . Actually I know A LOT of people like this!)

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

If the population of China walked past you, 8 abreast, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite!

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket. (Good thing he did that.)

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.



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Just plain ole good info! (pt. 1)

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song Auld Lang Syne is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent. Drinking a glass of water before you eat may help digestion and curb appetite.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.



IT'S HUMOR TIME

*Heard a funny story?
Put it in The Liberty Press.*

BRITISH HUMOUR IS DIFFERENT

These are classified ads, which were actually placed in U.K. Newspapers:

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER.

8 years old, Hateful little bastard. Bites!

FREE PUPPIES

1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbor's dog.

FREE PUPPIES. Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd.

Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

COWS, CALVES: NEVER BRED. Also 1 gay bull for sale.

JOINING NUDIST COLONY!

Must sell washer and dryer ♦ 100.

Children Are Quick

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it. (I Love this child)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE

Only worn once... Big mistake. Call Michelle

MORE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW BUT PROBABLY DON'T

7. 315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled.

8. The 'spot' on 7UP comes from its inventor, who had red eyes. He was albino.

9. On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents, daily.

10. Warren Beatty and Shirley MacLaine are brother and sister. *

11. Chocolate affects a dog's heart and nervous system; a few ounces will kill a small-sized dog. *

12. Orcas (killer whales) kill sharks by torpedoing up into the shark's stomach from underneath, causing the shark to explode. *